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FOR THE SECRETARY; FOR ARA AMB TODMAN

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SUBJ: BREAKFAST MEETING APPROVES US TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION
ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADORS DE LA COLINA (MEXICO), SILVA
(COSTA RICA) AND MACHIN VENEZUELA) HAD BREAKFAST WITH
USDEL JUNE 18 TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGY. IN GENERAL,
THEY WERE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT US DRAFT RESOLUTION BUT
PROPOSED SEVERAL CHANGES IN TEXT (CABLED SEPTTEL IMMEDIATE)
TO DIVORCE TERRORISM FROM PERATIONAL MANDATE OF IAHRIC.
ALL THREE AMBASSADORS FELT STRONGLY THAT TO LINK TERRORISM
WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AS JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION
WOULD CONFUSE DISTINCT ISSUES, OVERBURDEN ITS STAFF, POLI-
TICIZE ITS MEMBERSHIP AND DISSIPATE ENERGIES FROM DEFENSE
OF HUMAN RITHTS INTO SHADOWY STRUGGLE AGAINST ALLEGED
TERRORIST CONSPIRACY. THEY AGREED TERRORISM SHOULD BE
MENTIONED IN CONSIDERANDO (WHERAS) SECTION OF RESOLUTION
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TO ATTRACT MAXIMUM SUPPORT BUT REMOVED IT FROM RESUELVE
(RESOLVES) PORTION. END SUMMARY.

2. DE LA COLINA GAVE PREVIEW OF EXPOSITION HE WILL
MAKE LATER THIS MORNING IN COMMITTEE I, TRACING HISTORY
OF TERRORISM THROUGH AMERICAS (US/LA), FRENCH AND
RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS

CODEPHRASE FOR PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUAL AGAINST AWESOME POLICE POWER OF STATE. THESE ARE SEPARATE ISSUES, HE INSISTED, THOUGH RELATED TO EACH OTHER IN VARIETY OF WAYS, AND MUST NOT BE CONFUSED IN WORK OF IAHC. COMMISSION WAS SET UP TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS OF INDIVIDUALS AGAINST NATIONAL AUTHORITIES, NOT TO DEFEND AUTHORITIES AGAINST VILENT ATTACKS. COMMISSION MUST DEVOTE ITSELF TO WORK MANDATED BY ITS REGULATIONS AND NOT BE DIVERTED INTO CHIMERICAL SEARCH FOR SOME CONSPIRITORTIAL AGENCY BEHIND TERRORISM IN THE HEMISPHERE.

3. MACHIN AND SILVA ECHOED MANY OF THE SAME SENTIMENTS. THEY FAVORED INCLUSION OF TERRORISM IN BACKGROUND PORTION OF RESOLUTION BUT WANTED TO EXCLUDE ANY LINK BETWEEN TERRORISM AND WORK OF IAHC. THEY ALSO OPPOSED INCLUSION OF QUOTE COLLECTIVIST IDEOLOGY UNQUOTE IN CONSIDERANDO (WHERAS) POINT 2 AND PREFERRED TO SUBSTITUTE TOTALITARIANISM, WHICH IS REAL BASIS FOR COMMUNIST AND FASCIST REPRESSION AND DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS. USDEL AGREED WITH THEIR APPROACH ON BOTH POINTS AND SECURED COSTA RICA AND VENEZUELA AS COSPONSORS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WILL PROBABLY JOIN IN SPONSORSHIP LATER THIS MORNING.

4. DE LA COLINA HAD PROBLEMS WITH PROVISION THAT COMMISSION VISIT ALL COUNTRIES OF HEMISPHERE, WHICH HE SAID COULD LEAD TO FRICTION WITH COUNTRIES IN WHICH VIOLATIONS NEITHER GRAVE NOR FLAGRANT BUT WHERE PRISON CONDITIONS, FOR INSTANCE, NOT IDEAL. UPSHOT MIGHT BE RESISTANCE TO COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES BY COUNTRIES OTHERWISE SYMPATHETIC TO HUMAN
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RIGHTS. HE WILL VOTE FOR RESOLUTION BUT NOT JOIN AS COSPONSOR OF ANY RESOLUTIONS. HE WOULD VOTE FOR US/VEN/CR DRAFT BUT RAISE QUESTION OF VISITS DURING LATER JOINT DRAFTING SESSION.

5. EVERYONE CONCERNED THAT SEPARATE RESOLUTIONS ON TERRORISM AND JUMAN RIGHTS COULD LEAD TO PASSAGE OF FIRST AND DEFEAT OF SECOND. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC RESOLUTION ON TERRORISM ONLY OBJECTIONABLE IN ITS LINKAGE OF TERRORISM WITH OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF IAHC. WITH THIS REMOVED, DOMINICAN RESOLUTION IS NO LONGER OBJECTIONABLE TO VENEZUELA, MEXICO OR COSTA RICA. LIKELY RESULT WILL BE BARGAINING SESSION IN WORKING GROUP ORGANIZED TO DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS IN WHICH DR, US/VEN/CR AND VENEZUELA'S RESOLUTION ON CHILE (SEE SEPTTEL) ARE WORKED OUT.

6. WHITE REPORTED TO THREE AMBASSADORS ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH CHILEAN REPS SCHWEITZER AND DIEZ, WHO WERE FLATTERED

TO BE CONSULTED ON US DRAFT AND RELIEVED TO SEE NO
SPECIFIC MENTION OF CHILE. THEY MADE NO COMMITMENT
BUT LEFT IMPRESSION CHILE MIGHT VOTE FOR US DRAFT.
THEIR MAIN GOAL, AND THAT OF OTHER SOUTHERN CONE STATES,
IS TO END GA MANDATE FOR SPECIAL REPORTS ON CHILE,
WHICH LATER COULD BE AIMED AT OTHER MAIN OFFENDER.
IAHRC HAS FULL AUTHORITY TO PREPARE SPECIAL REPORTS
WITHOUT GA RESOLUTION, AND HAS DONE SO IN CASE OF
URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY, BUT PUTTING AN END TO SINGLING OUT
OF CHILE WOULD BE WORTH SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS FROM
THEM. (SEPTTEL TREATS OUR STRATEGY FOR CHILEAN SPECIAL
REPORT).

7. AMBASSADOR TODMAN ADVISED OF MAIN POINTS BY PHONE
FOLLOWING BREAKFAST DISCUSSION.
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